

**Sounds in the Night**

Long after her aunt had left, Julie lay wide awake in the dark,	13
staring at the ceiling. The breeze, blowing through the open window	24
near the head of her bed, tossed the curtains back and forth. Outside the	38
crickets were singing, but inside everything was quiet – or almost quiet.	49
Now and then a board in the floor would creak, and another one	62
in the wall would answer. Julie shut her eyes tight, not wanting to see	76
what might be in her room, yet quite sure that something was. She	89
peeked into the dark for a moment, but could see nothing. She ducked	102
under the blanket wishing morning would come soon.	110
Then Julie remembered the apples Uncle Harry had put on the	121
table and decided to eat one. She sat up and reached out her hand. As	136
she did so, she heard a noise outside the window.	146